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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	10227	Agenda Number	4.
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Meeting Date:	10/6/2011	Department:	City Clerk's Office
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Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an addendum to the contract with Travis County for election services related to the May 2012 General Election in an amount not to exceed \$500,464 for the purchase of electronic voting equipment.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$500,464 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Office of the City Clerk.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Shirley Gentry, 974-2210
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In a meeting with the County Clerk on Monday, September 16, the City learned that additional voting equipment would be needed to accommodate the full scale election discussed at the last Council meeting.

The County has provided cost estimates for (1) the purchase of equipment for a full election (190 precincts), (2) or a "pared down" election with 165 precincts. These estimates are attached.

Judge's Booth Controllers (JBC) are the computers that manage the devices used by the voters. Disabled Access Units (DAU) are the voting devices required by law to be present in each precinct for handicapped voters.

The costs reflect the new quotes from Hart InterCivic and are higher than they quoted in August. In addition, the County is exercising their right under the contract to charge a 10% administrative fee to cover their work in bidding the equipment and getting the purchase order drafted.

The City has been advised by the County that the equipment must be ordered by October 15, 2011 or Hart will not

guarantee the delivery of the equipment in time for the May election. At a meeting with the County, representatives from ACC and AISD were present and agreed that if they are on the ballot in May with the City, they would pay their share of the total equipment cost or roughly one third. However, since the City may not know before Council takes final action whether ACC and AISD will contribute to this purchase, this request for council action assumes the City will bear the full cost. Finally, the County indicated its intent to bill the City for the equipment in June or July, 2012 at the same time it invoices the City for the remainder of the County's election services.